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*The Newsletter for the Third Taxing District Electric
Department*

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Welcome March



Looking Out For You

Commissioner Feinstein and General Manager Tenore joined approximately 1,000 other elected officials and utility managers in Washington, D.C. for the annual American Public Power Association's Legislative Rally. This is the yearly chance to inform our legislative delegation of important issues concerning public power. This year was particularly poignant because of the problems with deregulation in California.

Messrs. Feinstein and Tenore, along with the members of CMEEC, our electrical cooperative, met with each of Connecticut's Senatorial and Congressional members. There were several other meetings held with utility members from around the country.

Congressman Joe Barton—R. Tex., addressed the assembly about his feelings toward deregulation. Attending this important policy statement were Senators Bumpers and Packwood, and the chairman and commissioners of the Nuclear Regulatory Agency. In a separate address, Senator Dianne Feinstein—D. Calif., spoke to the assembly about the crisis in California. Senator Feinstein gave an overview of the situation and announced the details of a bill she is sponsoring to address the weaknesses in the current marketplace and its regulatory framework.



**Keeping Government Informed For
You!**

Upcoming Events

- March 7 Annual Meeting 7:00
Eunice Van Zilen Room
- March 26 Commission Meeting 7:00
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- April 1 April Fools Day
- April 8 First Day of Passover
- April 8 Palm Sunday
- April 15 Easter
- April 23 Commission Meeting 7:00
Eunice Van Zilen Room

Second Annual Arbor Day Poetry Contest



The Third District Commission announces the second annual Arbor Day contest. Upon a motion by Commissioner Feinstein last year, the Commission approved a poetry contest for grade school children who live in the District. Students are encouraged to write a poem that best expresses their feelings toward trees and the environment. Last year's winner, Ainsley Gilligan, showed exceptional talent, setting a very high standard for others to aspire to. The tree donated by Oman's Brothers Garden Center is thriving in Governor Fitch Park.

The District is again sponsoring the poetry contest after last year's enthusiastic response. The poems showed the exceptional ability of our youth.

Winners selected from each grade will present their winning poem at a tree planting ceremony in the District. The author of the poem deemed best shall ride in the Memorial Day Parade, escorted in the Third Taxing District's electric

vehicle.

Submit all poems to the Department's offices at 2 Second Street, attention "General Manager". All poems must include the writer's name, address, phone number, age, grade, and school name. Submit all poems no later than April 18, 2001. Patrick Shields, an East Norwalk resident, has volunteered to lead the judging committee.

Arbor Day is April 27, so start writing those poems today!



Electric Department Notes

Safety Plea

Please, do not post signs on utility poles. One of the surest signs of spring is the garage sale. Everyone loves to go and find the hidden treasure. However, signs posted on utility poles can harm our linemen. Frequently, our linemen must climb poles to make repairs. Nails, tacks, and staples left behind from advertising signs can be dangerous to our employees. Linemen risk injury to themselves and damage to their equipment and protective clothing. If you are planning a tag sale or some other activity in your neighborhood, please do not post or hang signs to advertise it on utility poles.

Many people do not realize that posting signs on utility poles is illegal in Connecticut.

(Connecticut General Statutes § 23-65a) and carries a \$50.00 fine.

If you want free advertising of an upcoming event for your group or organization, feel free to send it in to the electric department for inclusion in this newsletter. Many more people will see your event. Moreover, you will be helping our linemen at the same time. This newsletter serves you.

Welcome our newest employee

We welcome Jose Dias to our staff. Jose, a licensed electrician, joins us as an apprentice lineman. In his short time with us, he has seen storm duty, responded to emergency maintenance at our substation, and has become proficient at servicing our electric vehicle. Jose's excellent people skills make him a great asset for the department. Welcome, Jose!

Consumer Notes

Happy Birthday ADA!

The Americans With Disabilities Act celebrated its 10th anniversary. For more information about the American With Disabilities Act and the civil rights of people with disabilities, contact:

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1-860-297-4383 (voice),
1-860-566-2102 (TDD),
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